

Boston Had the Nationals' Gnat Last Season--Other Sports

RED SOX REAL HOODOO OF NATIONALS LAST YEAR

Boston Club Won 16 Out of 21 Games—Shipke Leads Omaha Again—Other Sport Gossip.

By WILLIAM REED.
If you want to get "a rise" out of Manager Jim McAlleer, the Nationals' chief, ask him if he remembers a series of five ball games played in Boston last June.

McAlleer will probably slip you a short answer and tell you not to mention the word Boston in his presence, as he never did like that town anyway.

The fans who followed the Nationals closely last summer remember well the successful Western invasion, starting about the first of June, how the team, after a whirl around the circuit, split even out West, winning seven games and losing the same number.

Then came the wind-up—four regularly scheduled games and one postponed contest in Boston. The Red Sox gently lifted all five games, four of them, by one-run margins, and right here may it be said, the luck of baseball showed with the vividness of a lightning flash. The Nationals played the grandest kind of ball, but every bit of luck fell to Boston.

Time and again, with the score tied, two gone, and the bases loaded, a vicious grounder over second would be scooped up by Wagner, who pulled off more sensational stuff in this series than any time during the season.

In a couple of the games the Nationals made one error in each contest, inflicting slip-ups by McBride and Elberfeld, and both of these muffs let in enough runs to win for Boston.

This is but a sample of how the Nationals fared at the hands of the fiery-blue team from Brantown. On the Florida avenue ball yard Boston won every series played.

Take a peep at the records for last season. Twenty-one games were played between the Nationals and the Red Sox, and of these McAlleer's henchmen won only five. In fact, Boston captured more games from the boys than from any club in the American League.

Is it any wonder that McAlleer swears softly under his breath when the Boston Red Sox are mentioned?

As has been said before, it was the Eastern clubs which kept the Nationals down in the race. Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis were all easy pickings. Washington, getting into each series, 12 victories against 9 defeats, but Boston, New York, and the Athletics put the damper on our first division aspirations. The Yankees beating us 15 out of 22 games, Athletics 11 out of 23, and Boston, 16 out of 21.

Bill Shipke, who formerly guarded the third corner of the Nationals, will again guard the Omaha club of the Western League. Shipke plans to go to Hot Springs two weeks before the season opens for a good boiling out.

Here's a funny situation. A Newark dispatch states that Bob Ganley will likely be made captain of the Newark team of the Eastern League, replacing Larry Schaffly. If memory serves, Ganley succeeded Larry as captain of the Washington club four or five years ago.

"There is no use talking," remarked a National Leaguer at the recent meeting in New York. "That man Connie Mack has more men tipping him off on star young players than any other manager in the league."

Roger Bresnahan, of the Cardinals, was the man who was doing the talking, and he continued:

"I did some of my own scouting last summer. I received a tip that down in Greenville, S. C., was a youngster by the name of Derrick, who was the greatest young shortstop in the business. I thought enough of him to make the trip to Greenville. I looked Derrick over and decided he was good enough for any big league club. He looked to me to be a second baseman, and I was ready to pay a fancy price for him right then and there, but was told that Connie Mack had beaten me by just twelve hours, having purchased Derrick that very morning."

And Bresnahan was not the only scout that arrived in Greenville too late. John Ganzel of Rochester, and Bobby Gilks, of the Braves, were two others who looked the youngster over. Ganzel was too late, while Gilks was not impressed by Derrick's work the days he looked him over.

The following is from the pen of Elmer Bates, of the Cleveland Leader:

"One of the funniest things about this game of baseball is that one can never anticipate anything that is going to happen," says Hughie Jennings, who, in his day, was the star shortstop of the old Baltimore team, probably, indeed, the best shortstop that ever lived, lives now, or that ever will.

"There was a time, I remember, when the old Baltimore team started out on the road. Catcher Robinson was sick; so was Pitcher McMahon. So, we were freed, were Second Basemen Reitz, outfielders Kelley and Brodie, and First Baseman Carey.

"When we came tumbling into Cleveland the advance tip was to bet 5 to 1 that we wouldn't win one of the four games in the Forest City. Indeed, it did not look as if we had a chance to score, so many of our men were ill.

"We put in a team of substitutes and, say, you should have seen that team of substitutes play. There was never before and there never will be again any such exhibition of speed.

"Such hitting! Such fielding! Such base running! Nothing like it will ever be looked at again."

"We won the opening game 5 to 1, the second game 5 to 4, and the third game, as I remember it, 12 to 10. And all the time we had only four regular players on the job, while Young, Cuppy, and Clark were going at their best ticks for Cleveland. Zimmerman and O'Connor were great force, and the whole Cleveland team—Tebeau, Childs, McKean, Wallace, McAlleer, Burkett, and Blake—was intact.

"I remember, too, a series we played in New York that season. As I recall it, the only man on our team in his regular position was Joe Kelley out in center. The crowd at the old Polo grounds gave us a great 'hoof' as we walked out on the field—new men to every corner in the opening game, but we beat the home team 4 to 1 in the first frolic and gave it a sound wallop the next day.

"No, sir, baseball is something that no man or no combination of men can understand. When an unknown boy like George Roche bobs up as George Roche



BILL SHIPKE, Old National, who will again captain Omaha club of Western League.

SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

BASEBALL IN JANUARY.
Trot out your every scandal, Your disquieting reports, Your smugging accusations, And your peevish retorts; Sit on your sleepy magnates And let them give them what you got. Take a little into fustian And provoke its hopes and fears.

Take a little into fustian, Multiply it sevenfold, Their attention you must hold. Harvest anything to give them! Well, then, give them what you got. They won't question what is in it. If you serve it good and hot.

Any little feeling fancy Will be good enough to try: It doesn't have to flourish. Tell the ink on it is dry. Any little thing in baseball, Be it genuine or queer, Serves the 'sundry purpose. For the silly season's here.

Battling Nelson dropped around at the Bureau bowlers' ball Wednesday night. He says there are more pretty girls in the Capital than any other city he ever visited. Bah! for Bat.

Cotton Hollister, manager of Carroll Donnelly, the roller skater, claims all the local cracks offer to race his protegee, but when it comes to putting up a side bet, only Confederate money is offered.

Jim Saffell says he knows the Sage of Foggy Bottom well. The veteran ball park telegraph operator will be there with bells on when the season opens.

Saw Jim Springman yesterday, and he asked us not to use his name in the paper any more.

The As-you-like-it editor is an anchor man on The Herald bowling team. Some anchor, too, believe us.

Eddy Wray, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, announces that "there is one sport no amount of reforming can ever make 'dry'—water polo.

Freddy Parent is said to be slated for release by the White Sox. Parent's days of usefulness in the big league are practically over.

The two most ferocious beasts of prey are the lion and the umpire. If Roosevelt will take care of the lions, I'll tend to the umpires.—The Philosophy of John J. McGraw.

University of Kansas authorities have cut in on dress reform. They say that the basketball players must not appear in public unless they "lower limb" it. E. E. News are covered. A Chicago writer adds: "These same authorities probably enjoy a perfect art ecstasy on beholding 'The Discus Thrower' or 'The Laocoon.'"

Moving picture man was arrested in Lawton, Okla., for moving views of late lamented Jeffries-Johnson affair. Police said "they disturb the peace."

"A ball player who quits the game because he does not want to play is not a real ball player," says Jarke Griffith. "There never was a real old-timer yet who didn't come back no matter how much he might have talked about staying away for good. Fledler Jones is a notable exception."

Notwithstanding many professional athletes make a living on the chaser path, you'll have to stretch the imagination a bit to call running a "walk of life."

BASKET-BALL AT INGRAM.

Games in Girls' League Are Attracting Attention.

The games in the Girls' Basketball League, at Ingram Memorial gym, are becoming more exciting. Last night the Vultures downed the Blue Jays by the close score of 25 to 23. The score was tied four times, and the second half ended in a tie at 20 points, which necessitated an extra 20 minutes being played, the game finally ending with the above score. While the forwards scored all the points, a great deal of the credit must be given to the centers and guards for their excellent work.

Line-up and summary:
Values. Position. Blue Jays.
Turner. Forward. Smith.
Carroll. Forward. Hunsinger.
Doran. Side center. Neal.
Marston. Side center. Carroll.
Maguire. Side center. Carroll.
Gibson. Guard. Reed.
Jones. Guard. Reed.
Goals from field—Carroll 6, Smith 6, Hunsinger 6, Turner 6.
Goals from free-throw—Smith 6, Hunsinger 6, Turner 6.
In the Junior League the Cubs downed the Athletics by the splendid playing of Read at center, who scored six of his team's points, the game ending with a score of 8 to 2.

The old man's feet were heavy and his speed a joke. He had not covered half the distance before he saw that he was caught. Tenney was still on his way over, and "Pop" thought he might get back to third, but when he ventured to get back Tenney started him toward the plate with a bluff to throw to Jimmy Collins. Then he kept the old man going, first one way and then the other, until he was all in. His head sagged toward the plate with pretense to throw by his tormentor, but he was planted. He could run no more.

Finally Anne made a last effort to get back to third, but fell all in a heap fifteen feet away, with a desperate gasp for breath.

Tenney and every one else for that matter—was convulsed with laughter, and tossing the ball to Collins, he said, "You tag him, Jim; I haven't the heart." So Collins scored the out.

Billy Murray, of the St. Louis Star, is responsible for the following bouquet: Despite the fact that the Washington club finished seventh in the American League race, Jimmy McAlleer has several men on his pay roll who are claimed among the leading lights in the game.

What a fancy sum of money the Washington owners could realize, if they cared to place Walter Johnson on the market. There is a better attraction to-day than the wonderful Californian. A man of excellent habits, using a free delivery that is no strain on his arm, young in years, Johnson should have a long and successful big league career before him. In all probability Johnson would command a record price in baseball, if placed on the market. No chance, however.

Then do not forget young Mr. Milan, who did so much classy work in the outfield last year. Milan didn't look very good under Candition, but McAlleer got out all there was in the young man last year, and he is by many regarded only a shade behind the great Cobb and the mighty Speaker.

While not a hard hitter, it is questionable if there is a more valuable infielder in the American League than George McBride. As a fielder he is in a class by himself, and a better arm is possessed by no man living. Although not a hard hitter, he connects in timely fashion, and many a Washington victory last year was credited to McBride's pinch hitting ability.

McAlleer may not have a pennant winner, but he has several athletes worth going out to see perform.

COAST RACING TO CLOSE.

Anti-betting Law Will Force Tracks to Quit Business.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The doom of California race tracks was sounded today when the senate passed the Walker anti-gambling bill. This measure will be adopted by the house to-morrow and probably signed by Gov. Johnson Monday. Only fifteen days are given after the passing of the bill before the law goes into effect. The measure is so stringent that it will kill racing at the Emeryville track across the bay. President Tom Williams frankly admits that racing without betting will not draw paying crowds.

BAT NELSON TELLS HOW HE GOT NAME

Former Light-weight Champ Waxes Reminiscent.

By BATTILING NELSON.
It's a funny thing about how I got the name Battling, but nevertheless it may prove interesting to the public. My daddy tells a very funny story about the "Battling" part of the handle. There was a party of Scandinavians visiting our house one time when some one in the party ventured, "Vel, Mr. Nelson, how you come to name 'de boy 'Battling'?"

"Oh," says daddy, "you know ven he comes to de void, he was visting and has been visting ever since. I nowed he was going to be a fitter so I called him 'Battling,' don't you tink I gave him good reason?"

It's quite a coincidence, too, but it's a fact. I was born on June 5, 1882, in Copenhagen, Denmark, which is the Independence day of Denmark. I was the light-weight champion of the world from Joe Gans on Independence day of America, July 4, 1906, before Jim Corbett's Mission street arena, in Columbia, Cal.

My first fight was at Hammond, Ind., on September 4, 1882. It was with Wallace Nelson, who was traveling with Wallace's circus, meeting all comers, agreeing to stop them in three rounds. For the job I was to secure the great big sum of \$1, but instead, some of the circus hands stole my coat and vest. Well, I knocked him out in one round, and there was some satisfaction in that, so I was satisfied. Just ten years later I met Gans for the championship, in Goldfield, Nev., in that now memorable forty-two-round contest, for which I received \$2,000. Going up a bit!

The afternoon and to-night I have a unique treat for the lovers of sports, in the "Shriner Midgits," the smallest good boxers in the world, who will entertain the Lyceum Theater audiences in a three-round boxing bout.

These same two boys boxed for my benefit once before, and I think they will eventually develop into champions. They are nine and eleven years old, and great. That's all!

The foregoing story was written in The Washington Herald office by Battling Nelson last night. The copy was perfectly legible, and no editing needed.—Sporting Editor.

BASKETBALL

Schlusser, center of the Georgetown quint, added twenty more points to his record Wednesday night. This makes 90 points in four games. Going solo!

The Gallaudet quint is improved 25 per cent by the changing of its line-up. As far as forwards the Kendall Greens chances for more goals. He has a sure eye for the basket and plays a steady game.

It now looks as though the Georgetown quint had better arrange to play a game with the Carroll Institute team. Prof. Joyce is coaching both teams, and he would not have to worry about the outcome of the battle.

Some one wants to know if James, the old-time player, is trying to come back. He has been practicing with the Georgetown quint every Sunday, and getting in good trim. Since the basketball season opened he has been coaching the Girls of the Y. M. C. A., and they have showed in the past few games that his coaching has done them a great deal of good.

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BIG SIX BOWLERS TEAR THINGS UP

Fine Scores Mark the Fourth Night of Tourney.

The feature of the fourth night of the Washington City Bowling Association's tournament, being held at the Palace alleys, under the auspices of the Washington City Bowling Association, was the work of the Big Six on the 11 p. m. squad.

They were Field, Brownson, Fritz, Allison, Waters, and Harry Krauss. Waters had a string of 62; Krauss, 54; Brownson, 57; Allison, 55; Field, 57, and Fritz, 50.

The Flying Dutchman suffered with two wide ones in his second game, or he would have had all scores over the 300 mark.

In the teams, Class A, the Saengers were a disappointment, no game going over the 300 mark—57, 57, and 56, for a grand total of 2,688.

The Navy squad was also not able to deliver; 2,553 was the best they could muster.

Cash prizes were given to the following pin knights: Miller, of Navy; Machler, of Saengers; Harwood, of Treasury; Page, of Knickerbockers, and Ecker, of Central Y. M. C. A.

Scores follow:
SAENGERBUND (CLASS A).
Machler 166 177 177 520
Miller 166 177 177 520
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KNICKERBOCKERS (B).
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SINGLES (CLASS B).
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SECOND SQUAD (CLASS A).
Waters 166 177 177 520
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THIRD SQUAD (CLASS B).
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FOURTH SQUAD (CLASS C).
Fowler (B) 166 177 177 520
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